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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): MADGE, Robert

Serial No.: 10/020,407

Filed: December 12, 2001

For: METHOD OF DETECTING
SPATIALLY CORRELATED
VARIATIONS IN A PARAMETER
OF AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT
DIE

Art Unit: 2822

Examiner: Trinh, Michael Manh

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March 8, 2004


Rhonda L. Mason

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to
withdraw the holding of abandonment in Paper No. 8 mailed on
February 11, 2004 under MPEP § 711.03(c)(I)(700-154).

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

On May 6, 2003, a final Office Action (Paper No. 4) was mailed in which Claims 5-7 were allowed and Claims 1-4 and 8-13 were rejected.

On June 30, 2003, Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal.

On August 4, 2003, Applicant filed an Amendment "C" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 canceling Claims 1-4 and 8-13. A copy of the amendment and the PTO fax confirmation thereof is attached hereto.

On February 11, 2004, a Notice of Abandonment (Paper No. 8) was mailed dismissing the appeal.

On February 23, 2004, the examiner informed Applicant during a telephone conversation that Amendment "C" had not been received by the PTO.

POINTS TO BE REVIEWED

1. Because Amendment "C" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 was timely filed within the period for response to the final Office Action, there was no abandonment in fact.
2. Because Amendment "C" canceled the claims on appeal, the appeal process initiated by the Notice of Appeal was terminated effective August 4, 2003.
3. Because Amendment "C" canceled the claims that were rejected in the final Office Action, the response to the final Office Action was complete.

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No additional fee is believed due for this petition.

Respectfully submitted,



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encl:

- (1) copy of Amendment "C"
- (2) copy of PTO Fax Auto-Reply

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